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SUBJ: JOHNSON-SEменов PRIVATE MEETING MARCH 20 (SALT TWO-570)

1. TRUE TO HIS PROMISE (AGAIN REINFORCED BY PRIVATE CALL BY HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT ON MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT YESTERDAY), SEMENOV CALLED ON ME TODAY TO MAKE HIS PRESENTATION ON ARTICLE XIII OF THE SOVIET DRAFT (FBS AND THIRD-COUNTRY NUCLEAR FORCES). I TOLD HIM THAT, AS HE KNEW, I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THAT ARTICLE IN THEIR DRAFT; I HAD REPORTED EVERYTHING THAT HE HAD SAID WITH REGARD TO IT; AND WASHINGTON HAD ALSO GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION THERETO. I POINTED OUT THAT RESULTS OF VLADIVOSTOK MEETING AS CONTAINED IN AIDE-MEMOIRE OMITTED REFERENCE TO SOME PREVIOUS POSITIONS TAKEN BY BOTH SIDES, AND NOTABLY OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO SOVIET POSITION ON FBS AND THRID-COUNTRY NUCLEAR FORCES. I THEN SAID I WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM HIM THAT IT WAS THE VIEW OF THE USG THAT THEIR ARTICLE XIII WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS AND WE COULD NOT AGREE TO TIS INCLUSION IN THE NEW AGREEMENT. I SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH I WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO MAKE THIS POSITION CLEAR IN THE RECORD AND HAD PLANNED TO INCLUDE IT IN MY PRESENTATION ON OUR ARTICLE VIII AT TOMORROW'S PLENARY, I COULD DEFER THIS IF HE HAD ANY OBJECTION. HE

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INDICATED NO OBJECTION AND THEN LAUNCHED INTO A LONG DISSSENTATION

FROM TYPEWRITTEN NOTES ON THEIR FBS POSITION AND THIRD-COUNTRY NUCLEAR FORCES. HIS PRESENTATION CONTAINED NOTHING NEW OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE, EXCEPT THAT IN THE COURSE OF IT HE SAID THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN EASY FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO ACCEPT THE QUNATITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE LIMITATON IN THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD "WHICH DO NOT PROVIDE FOR A SPECIFIC SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF US FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS."

2. I SAID THAT WE BOTH AGREE THESE SUBJECTS WERE NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT AS FAR AS THEIR INCLUSION IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONCERNED, IT WAS NOT REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT WE WOULD REVERSE OUR PREVIOUS POSITION BY AGREEING TO ARTICLE XIII. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OMISSION OF ARTICLE XIII DID NOT PREJUDICE THE ABILITY OF EITHER SIDE, INCLUDING THE SOVIETS, TO BRING FORWARD AT SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ANY CONSIDERATIONS OR ARGUMENTS THEY DESIRED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF STRATEGIC ARMS. I POINTED OUT IN CONTRAST TO THEIR ARTICLE XVIII, OUR ARTICLE VIII PROVIDED FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER.

3. THE CONVERSATION ENDED WITH HIS SAYING THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO MOSCOW WHAT I HAD INFORMED HIM OF WITH RESPECT TO MY INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON. JOHNSON

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